



# CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM UPDATE: MAY 2018

*“All children deserve to live with a committed, nurturing and permanent family that prepares youth for a successful transition into adulthood.”*

The Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) draws together a series of existing and new reforms to our child welfare services program and was designed based on the understanding that children who must live apart from their biological parents do best when they are cared for in committed and nurturing family homes.

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## Highlights

- Implementation of the Level of Care Tool has been delayed pursuant to **ACL 18-06, ACL 18-06 Errata, and ACL 18-32** to provide counties time to submit new Specialized Care Increment plans and to CDSS with additional time to analyze the results of the reliability study conducted by UC Davis.
- Foster Parent Recruitment Retention Support Plans (FPRRS) and Outcome reports are now on line by county at: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Foster-Care/FPRRS>.
- A statewide contract with Denise Goodman to provide training regarding family recruitment of adolescent youth has begun.
- Written Directives 5.0 were released on February 6<sup>th</sup>. They outline simplifications to the RFA process that will assist counties in approving applicants within 90 days.
- AB 110 (Chapter 8, Statutes of 2018) was implemented pursuant to **ACL 18-33** to provide payment to Resource Family applicants immediately upon an emergency or compelling reason placement of a child into the home.
- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is continuing to hold individual county Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) implementation calls with county child welfare directors, mental health plan directors and chief probation officers to provide them with targeted technical assistance. These individualized calls also allows the Department to gain insight into each county's CCR readiness and provides a safe place for counties to share concerns and seek assistance.
- The Continuum of Care Reform Branch is also regularly arranging calls with counties and licensed STRTP providers in association with notification of 7-day notices or non-admissions of youth who require STRTP level care. These child specific calls allow for immediate intensive technical assistance that identify barriers to coordination of care and timely placement of children.
- Please see the attachment for the most recent *Quarterly Report on Mental Health Services Utilization for Children/Youth in the Child Welfare System*.

## Engagement and Technical Assistance

### ***Child and Family Team (CFT) Claiming Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) Information Notice (IN)***

On March 14, 2018, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued MHSUDS IN 18-017 – “*Mental Health Plan Claiming for Participation in Child and Family Teams and Completing Assessment for Children Prior to Placement in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs*.” Pursuant to requirements established by Assembly Bill (AB) 403 (Stone, Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015) and enclosure 3 to MHSUDS IN 17-016, this MHSUDS IN provides guidance to Mental Health Plans (MHPs) on claiming for additional workload related to participation in CFTs, and completing mental health assessments for children prior to placement in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs).

### ***Children and Youth Specialty Mental Health Services – Moving Policy into Practice***

DHCS, in collaboration with CDSS, is conducting regional county convenings in 2018 to support counties in their implementation efforts and initiatives related to Specialty Mental Health Services for children and youth while providing a forum for counties to learn from each other and strengthen their work with cross-system partners. The goals for these convenings are: to support counties in their continued implementation efforts and initiatives related to specialty mental health services for children and youth; and provide updates on Pathways to Well Being (Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS), and Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)); AB 1299—Presumptive Transfer, AB 501—Children's Crisis Residential Treatment Programs; and efforts related to CCR.

There will also be a convening via webinar for providers. County and provider convenings are scheduled as follows (Sacramento Area and Central Regions convenings occurred in January and May, respectively):

#### County Convenings:

- Southern – May 8, 2018
- Bay Area Region – July 12, 2018
- Northern Region – September 27, 2018

#### Provider Convening Webinar:

- November 2, 2018

### ***Regional Information Transformation Exchange (RITE) Meetings***

CDSS, DHCS, County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA), County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), California Institute for Behavioral Health Services, the Regional Training Academies and Casey Family Programs are sponsoring the CCR meetings in the Northern, Bay, Central, Southern regions, as well as Los Angeles, in order to provide robust technical assistance at the local level. The primary topics have included Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC), Level of Care (LOC) Protocol, CFT, Youth with Complex Needs, Assembly Bill 1299, and interagency collaboration and communication. The counties have asked for the RITE meetings to be temporarily on hold to accommodate statewide mental health convenings and LOC training.

### ***Individual County CCR Implementation Calls***

CDSS (with DHCS, CWDA, CPOC and CBHDA participation) continues to hold individualized county CCR implementation calls with county child welfare directors, mental health plan directors and chief probation officers to discuss Group Home and STRTP transition and capacity adequacy, recruitment and capacity of Resource Family Approval (RFA) families, Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) and TFC families, availability of home based services and supports; and overall implementation of the RFA, including timely approvals. Additional questions about CFTs and Child Adolescent Needs and Services (CANS) have been incorporated over the course of the calls. Each call identifies specific implementation actions the county agrees to complete and the state agrees to provide technical assistance where needed.

### ***Family Finding Webcast:***

The CDSS has teamed with nationally recognized experts Bob Friend, Denise Goodman, and representatives from Los Angeles and Shasta counties, to host a panel webcast to answer Family Finding questions and address challenges of Family Finding in the front-end of child welfare services, difficult to place youth, and county best practices, the webcast can be found [here](#).

### ***Denise Goodman's Resource Family Recruitment Regional Trainings:***

Dr. Goodman and her team of expert consultants are providing regional training on recruitment, retention and support strategies for resource families to child welfare and probation systems. These regional convenings cover various recruitment strategies, ways to collaborate with community partners and how to use data to develop a strategic recruitment plan:

- Northern Region-April 9-10, 2018, Davis, CA
- Bay Area Region-April 11-12, 2018, Emeryville, CA
- Los Angeles Region- May 21-22, 2018, Los Angeles, CA
- Southern Region-May 23-24, 2018, Anaheim, CA
- Rural Northern Counties & Tribes- June 26-27, 2018, Eureka, CA.

## **Integrated Services Joint Guidance**

### ***Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) – Training Resource Toolkit***

On December 21, 2017, DHCS and CDSS released Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) Information Notice 17-069/All County Information Notice (ACIN) I-91-17 announcing the release of the TFC Training Resource Toolkit. This toolkit provides information and resources that enable TFC Agencies to develop a TFC parent training program that meet the 40-hour pre-service and 24-hour ongoing TFC training requirements. This toolkit includes learning objectives for each of the TFC training topics, as identified in ACIN I-05-17/MHSUDS IN 17-009, Attachment 2, TFC Parent Qualifications.

### ***Medi-Cal Manual for Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS), and Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Services, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition***

On January 17, 2018, DHCS released the third edition of the Medi-Cal Manual for Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS), and Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Services for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries. This edition of the manual includes content focused on TFC services, and removes previous lockouts regarding the provision of ICC and IHBS to children and youth residing in group homes or Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs. It also clarifies content throughout the manual and provides documentation examples.

### **STRTP Mental Health Program Approval Protocol and Interim Regulations**

DHCS continues to work collaboratively with CDSS and stakeholders in reviewing materials developed for the DHCS Mental Health Program Approval process for STRTPs. Based on stakeholder input, DHCS has updated the: 1) Interim STRTP Regulations; 2) Interim STRTP Mental Health Program Approval Protocol, and 3) the STRTP Mental Health Program Approval Application. In addition, DHCS has created forms for the Delegation of the Mental Health Program Approval Task to the County MHPs and for Program Flexibility Requests. DHCS anticipates issuing two MHSUDS Information Notices in May 2018; one regarding the requirements and procedures for STRTPs to obtain Mental Health Program Approval, and the second to provide information to the MHPs regarding the delegation of the Mental Health Program Approval task to the MHPs.

To date, DHCS has received thirty-three (33) applications for Mental Health Program Approval, which are in various stages of review to ensure all program elements meet requirements. DHCS is working in partnership with the respective MHPs to jointly conduct Mental Health Program Approval onsite reviews of the STRTPs. This collaboration will provide DHCS and the MHPs the opportunity to jointly use the Mental Health Program Approval Protocol and to identify areas where clarification or refinement may be needed. The first site reviews were conducted in April 2018. DHCS continues to communicate with the counties in order to provide technical assistance, information, and updates on an ongoing basis.

### **Mental Health Screening and Referral Case Review Study**

DHCS and CDSS have partnered to perform a comprehensive evaluation of the processes and outcomes of CWS referrals to SMHS. For the purposes of the collaborative research effort, CDSS and DHCS are using two different samples within different time filters. CDSS has begun working on a Mental Health Screening and Referral Case Review Study. An analysis of CWS/CMS administrative data has been completed for all children in foster care between April 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017, identifying screenings and referrals these children received during the last 12 months from September 30, 2017. CDSS has shared the results of this analysis with counties, who have reported back that the data is incomplete. Counties have expressed a willingness to work with CDSS to analyze data quality issues, as well as any practice issues, and provide accurate data. To that end, case reviews will be targeting two populations: 1) children who did not receive a mental health screening; and 2) children whose screening resulted in a need for referral for services, but did not receive a referral (as documented in CWS/CMS). The sample size and case review methodology are currently being refined as CDSS coordinates further with counties and internally across divisions.

Building upon CDSS' Mental Health Screening and Referral Case Review Study, DHCS analyzed a population comprised of children and youth who had a child welfare case opened in 2016 for more than 30 days, and were placed into foster care (excluding probation placements) in the fourth quarter of 2016. The population consisted of children and youth with service data from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. DHCS will use the mental health screenings and referrals that have been documented in CWS/CMS to determine which of the children/youth who had a positive mental health screening and were referred to specialty mental health services (SMHS) either were or were not provided with services in the SMHS system, as evidenced by claim(s) in the Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) System. Specifically, DHCS will be targeting two populations: 1) Children/youth who were screened and referred by child welfare, but did not receive SMHS and 2) Children/youth who were screened and referred by child welfare who received 1-4 services (penetration, but not engagement). Counties will be provided with identifying information for a sample of children and youth who did not receive services along with a survey requesting service information. Responses will be analyzed to identify the reason these children and youth did not receive services through the MHP service delivery system. DHCS will work with the MHPs to determine if there are any practice or data issues, and provide technical assistance as needed. Upon completion of the analyses for children with no services, DHCS will review summary data regarding the types and frequency of the various services for children/youth who received 1-4 services. DHCS will develop a methodology for obtaining further information from MHPs regarding the reasons why these children/youth did not further engage with SMHS (e.g., if they received referrals to other agencies).

## The Child and Family Teaming Process

CDSS has selected the CANS as the child welfare functional assessment tool to be used within the CFT process to guide case planning and placement decisions. The [50 Core Items](#), known as the CANS Core 50, is the state-approved assessment tool and counties may opt to add questions specific to their local needs. CDSS and DHCS issued All County Letter (ACL) [18-09/MHSUDS IN 18-007](#) on January 25, 2018, to announce the selection. CDSS will be issuing a forthcoming policy letter to provide the requirements and guidelines, including best practices, for the utilization of the CANS within the CFT process for child welfare. The anticipated release is Spring 2018. This integrated collaborative approach to Child and Family Team seeks to operationally support implementation of the statewide “Integrated Core Practice Model” established pursuant to the Katie A. settlement agreement. More information regarding the Katie A. settlement agreement can be found [here](#).

In partnership with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, CDSS has planned a series of training courses to assist the first cohort of counties implementing the CANS tool on July 1, 2018. Attendance is limited to seventy-five participants per session for these initial trainings. CDSS is partnering with the Regional Training Academies and the Praed Foundation to offer additional, ongoing training after July 1, 2018 and is exploring options to provide integrated training for child welfare and behavioral health. In the meantime, CDSS is encouraging counties to identify their lead staff and supervisors who will act as super users and champions to assist in the integration of the CANS into practice. *Training cohorts:* Group 1: Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Sonoma, Solano, and Alameda; Group 2: Fresno, Kings, Madera, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Riverside; Group 3: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Yolo, Marin, Mariposa, Mono, and Alpine; and Group 4: Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Mendocino, Glenn, Butte, and Placer.

The Partnerships for Well-Being Institute will be held on June 13-15, 2018, in Garden Grove, California. The Institute reflects its expanded focus on partnerships designed to enhance well-being for children, youth, families, communities, and Tribes. W raparound has played an influential role in the development of many of these approaches and remains an integral part of the Institute. Numerous workshops featuring cross-system and integrated approaches to program implementation and practice, such as TFC, ISFC, STRTPs, Presumptive Transfer, and other ongoing CCR efforts, such as the implementation of the CFT process, and the CANS assessment tool are highlighted.

A System Change Request (SCR) is currently in process to make minor adjustments to the functionality of CWS/CMS for documenting CFTs. The adjustments include the ability to document the participation of multiple siblings and other family members in the CFT process, the ability to track the participation of a child’s biological mother and father in the CFT process, and the addition of a CFT Facilitator as a key role. These changes will help CDSS meet its responsibilities to provide oversight, monitor progress, and produce reports regarding the implementation and effectiveness of CFT policies and practices. The SCR release is scheduled for November 2018.

CDSS will released CFT policy letter, ACL 18-23, which includes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and provides information that covers a range of CFT topics, including but not limited to, meeting timing and frequency, team roles, team-based case planning, and information sharing, and confidentiality. Anticipated release is May 2018.

CDSS is leading a CFT Project Team with the Resource Center for Family-Focused Practice (RCFFP) at UC Davis that includes various training entities and experts, and whose goal is to ensure statewide delivery of CFT trainings adhere to the fidelity of the CFT model. CDSS and the RCFFP are in the process of finalizing the state-approved CFT Curriculum, which includes training standards and learning objectives. The curriculum is consistent with the requirements of ACL 16-84 and can be adapted and used by training entities, as well as county child welfare, probation, and behavioral health agencies. The CFT Curriculum will be available to counties in May 2018.

In partnership with the RCFFP, CDSS is delivering CFT Training for Trainers and skills-based trainings to counties upon county request. These trainings are intended to reach juvenile probation, child welfare, behavioral health, education, and other community partners. These trainings will continue to be scheduled throughout 2018. Additional courses for jurisdictions and agencies of more advanced or specialized training are also available per county request.

Three different brochures have been developed within CDSS to inform youth, parents, and professionals about the CFT process. All three brochures align with CFT requirements and guidelines and provide guidance specific to the needs of each group. These brochures were issued as attachments to ACIN 1-14-18, released March 13, 2018, and have been



posted to CDSS's website. CDSS worked closely with youth partners at the Youth Engagement Project (YEP) and California Youth Connection (CYC), Parent Partners, and other stakeholders throughout this process.

CDSS is currently reviewing the Common Core 3.0 curricula for child welfare workers, ensuring integration of CFTs and CANS in the curriculum. Each practice area in the Common Core 3.0 has a set of measurable learning objectives for knowledge, skills, and values essential to the provision of services to children and families. The integration of CFTs and CANS into the curricula will highlight the importance of enhanced care coordination and collaborative decision making across systems and allow for better monitoring of child and family outcomes and well-being

## Resource Family Approval

- [ACL 18-33](#) was released on March 30<sup>th</sup> and provides instructions and clarification around eligibility for payments to caregivers, the length of time funding is available and how counties can access an additional 30 days for funding for emergency caregivers.
- Version 5 of the Written Directives was released on February 6<sup>th</sup>. This version included modifications to streamline the approval process and as a result of changes made improve the timeliness to approval.
- The CDS RFA team made revisions to the RFA Academy four-day Academy for county welfare and probation staff. The edits to the curriculum were made to align with the new Written Directives.
- Existing forms were modified and new ones created to align with the new Written Directives as well.
- The CDSS has been working with counties to look at their implementation of RFA and see what barriers the county may have and provide recommendations on how to overcome those barriers. Staff from CDSS as well as Shared Vision Consultants and the Child and Family Policy Institute of California, had an onsite, three-day visit with Kern and Los Angeles Counties to evaluate the provide recommendations on the RFA process.
- The CDSS RFA team continues to participate in regional CWDA meetings across the state to discuss implementation. The meetings have changed to quarterly instead of monthly.

## Level of Care (LOC) Protocol

### ACLs and Level of Care (LOC) Protocol County Pilot – Inter-Rater Reliability Study

The Department has begun a third inter-rater reliability study of the LOC Protocol tool (Matrix and Scoring Form), which is used for rate determinations. The University of Davis, RCFFP is conducting the study. The participating counties are: Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, Santa Clara, Shasta, and Orange. A total of eighty cases will be scored between March 1, 2018 and the end of April 2018 for this purpose. However, the state will continue to gather statewide scoring data of the Protocol tool once full implementation begins in May 2018.

ACLs recently released are: **ACL 18-25**: Intensive Foster Care Program and **ACL 18-32**: Instructions for Entry of LOC and ISFC Rate into CWS/CMS. The Foster Care Audits and Rates Branch (FCARB) with engagement from CWDA released **ACL 18-48** which communicates information about the Statewide Guidance for Specialized Care Rate Programs (SCR) and the criteria for issuing Specialized Care Increment (SCI) payments following an LOC rate determination. CDSS has established a dedicated LOC mailbox for rates and policy questions; inquiries regarding HBFC rates and the LOC Protocol may be sent to [LOC@dss.ca.gov](mailto:LOC@dss.ca.gov).

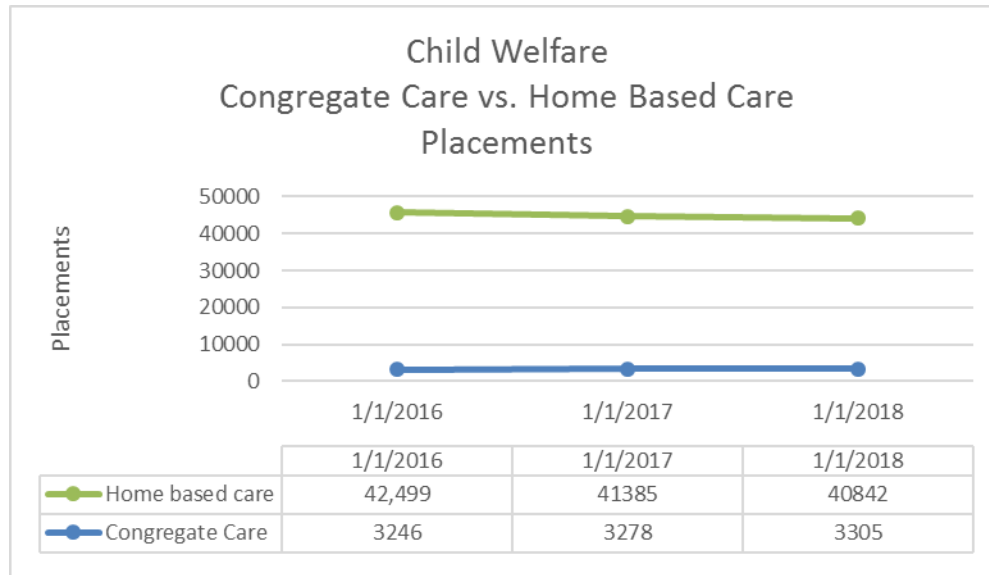
### Technical Assistance Resource Family Approval (TARFA):

Supported by CDSS and CWDA, the TARFA meetings began in February 2018 and are being held quarterly. They are held in five regional areas throughout California: Northern, Northern Central, Bay Area, Central and Southern for all 58 counties. Attendees include county Child Welfare Services and Probation staff responsible for implementing, approving and monitoring Resource Families. There was a significant increase in county participation in the February 2018 TARFAs statewide compared to 2017. The purpose of the TARFA is to assist counties by providing continued technical assistance on the RFA program that includes, but is not limited to, updated changes to the RFA standards, background checks, home environment assessment, complaint investigations, special incident reporting requirements, RFA forms and CDSS legal administrative processes. Additionally, CDSS continues to host monthly statewide technical assistance calls. Counties, including child welfare and probation, are able to call in and ask questions related to RFA policy.

## CCR Implementation Data

The below charts illustrates the trends in congregate care vs. home-based placements for child welfare and probation agencies, respectively. While all placement trends have remained steady for child welfare agencies, probation has had a sharp decline in congregate care use (-46% change) since 2016 (Chart 1.B).

### 1. A. Chart 1: Child Welfare Congregate Care vs. Home-Based Care Placements, Ages 0-17, Point-in-Time

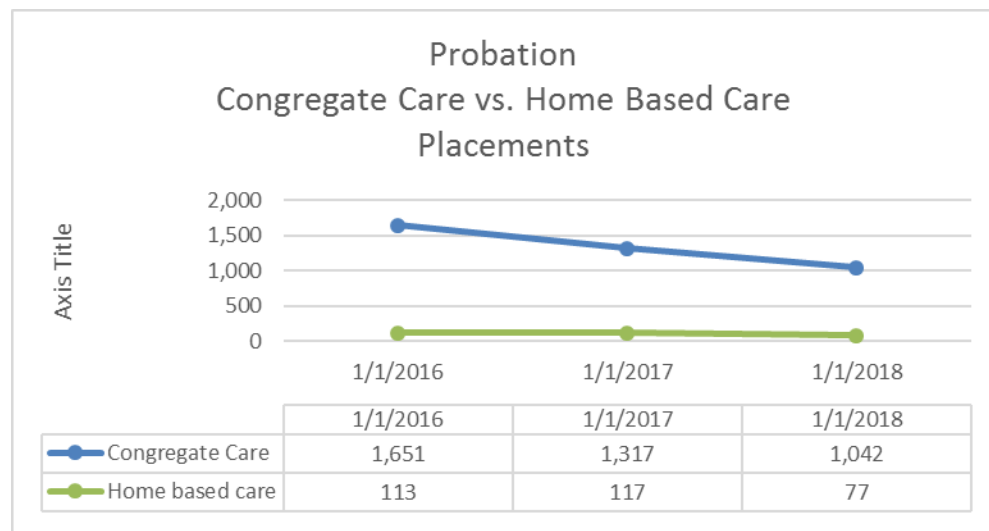


\*Data source: CWS/CMS 2017 Quarter 4 extract, California Child Welfare Indicators Project, University of California at Berkeley

\*Congregate care includes Group Homes and STRTP

\*Home Based Placement includes Relative/NREFM, Foster, FFA, and Guardian-Dependent

### 1. B. Chart 2: Probation Congregate Care vs. Home-Based Care Placements, Ages 0-17, Point-in-Time



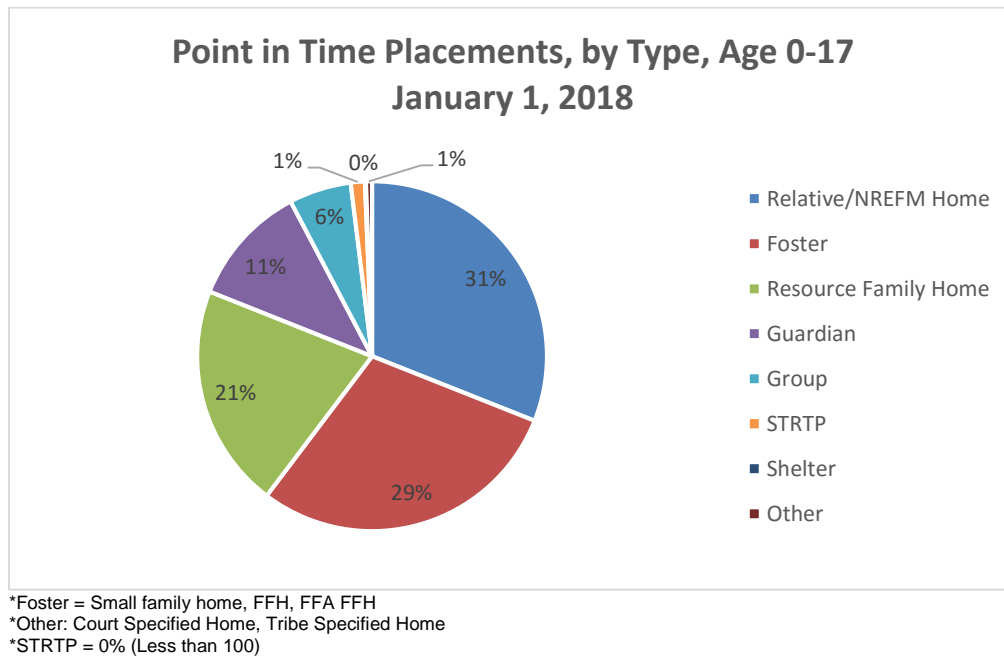
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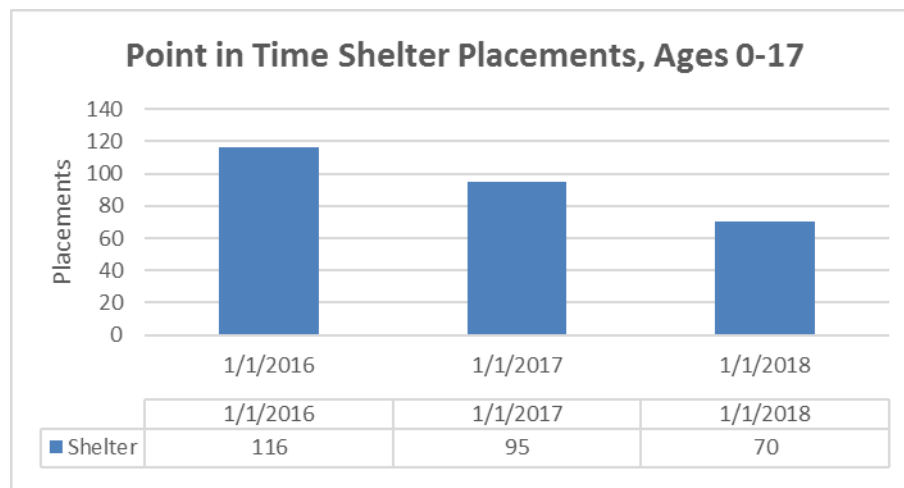
The chart below shows the percentage of all youth, ages 0-17, by placement type on January 1, 2018. The overwhelming majority of placements were in relative/NREFM, foster, and FFA placement types, with group homes representing 6%. At this time, STRTPs represent 0% of placements since the count for this item is less than 100.

2. Chart 3: All Placements, Ages 0-17, Point-in-Time



3. Chart 4: All 30-Day Shelter Placements, Ages 0-17, Point-in-Time

Under the new CCR requirements, all 30-day shelters will be required to begin transitioning to 10-day Temporary Shelter Care Facilities (TSCF) in June 2018. We expect to see reliance on shelter placements decrease over time as counties increase home-based and short-term therapeutic care placements.

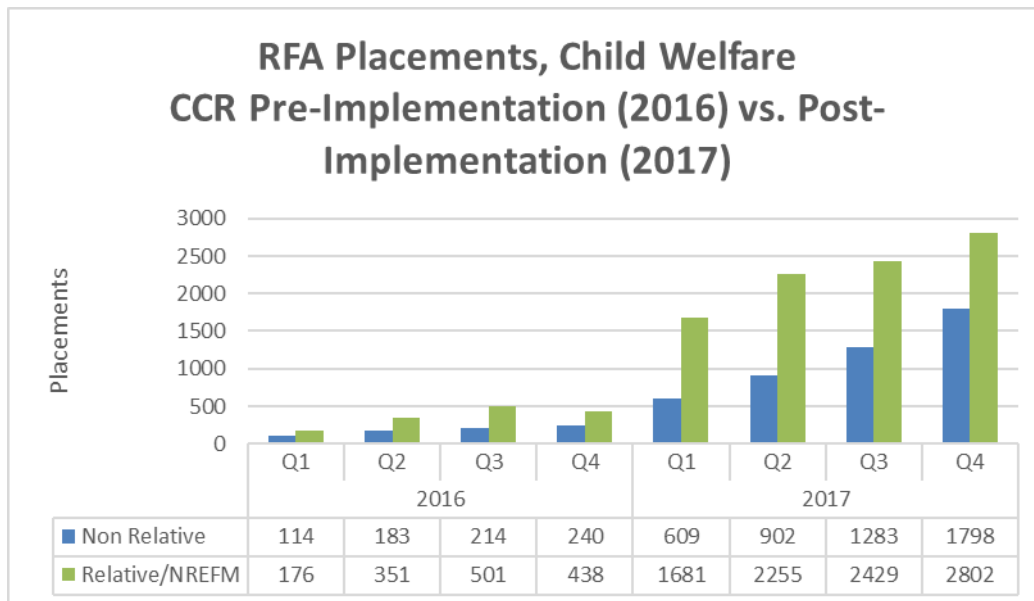


\*30-Day Shelters only. All current shelters will begin transition plan to 10-Day shelters or Temporary Shelter Care Facilities in June 2018.



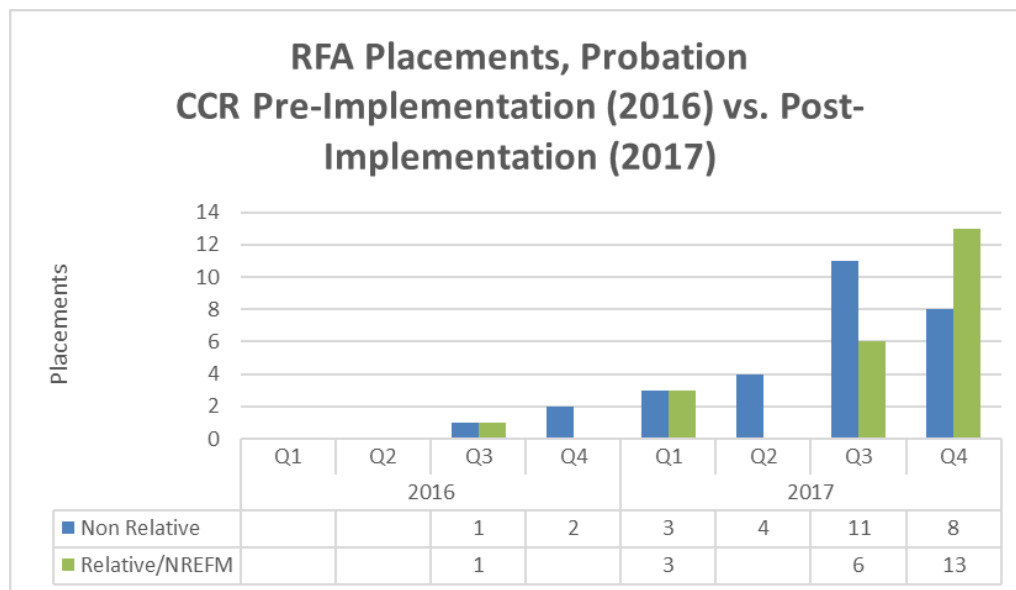
The below charts show the number of relative/NREFM placements vs. non-relative placements within the RFA program for both agencies. The child welfare graph shows a significant increase in the number of placements regardless of relationship type at the start of statewide RFA implementation on 1/1/17. What is also evident is that the ratio of relative vs. non-relative placements more than doubles, with 176% more relative placements than non-relative in Q1 of 2017.

4. A. Chart 5: Child Welfare RFA Placements, Ages 0-17, Children placed quarterly



\*Data from CWS/CMS via Business Objects on 4/17/18.

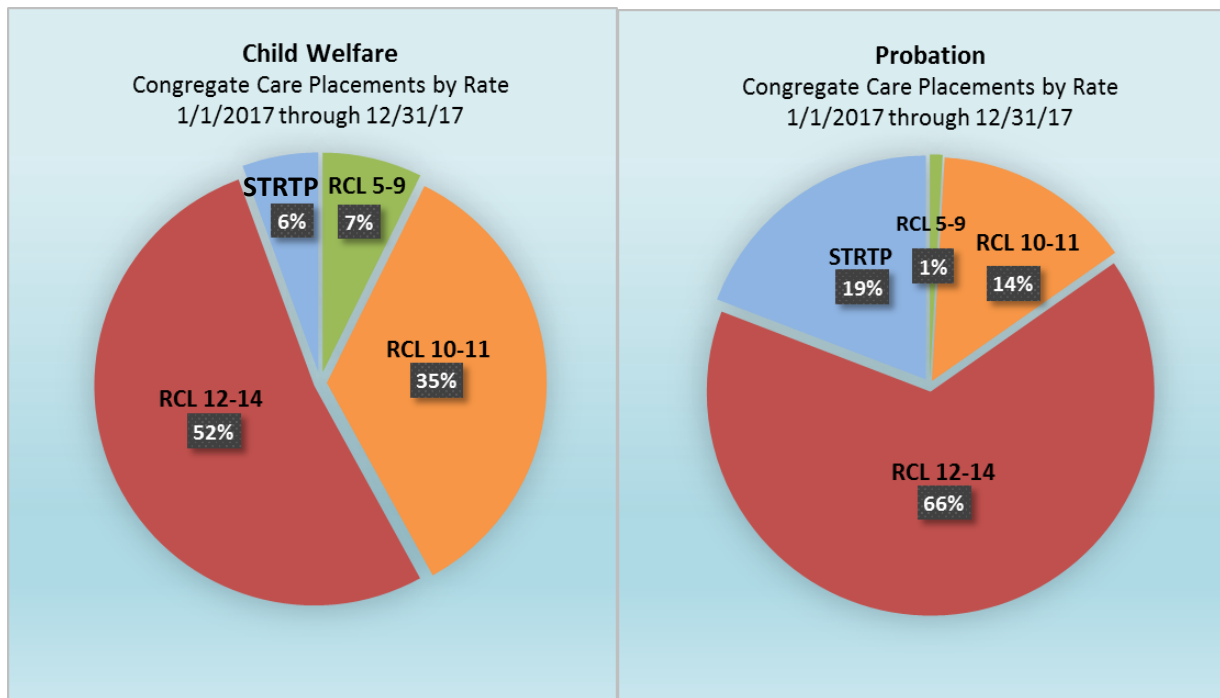
4. B. Chart 6: Probation RFA Placements, Ages 0-17, Children placed quarterly



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## Congregate Care Placements by Rate

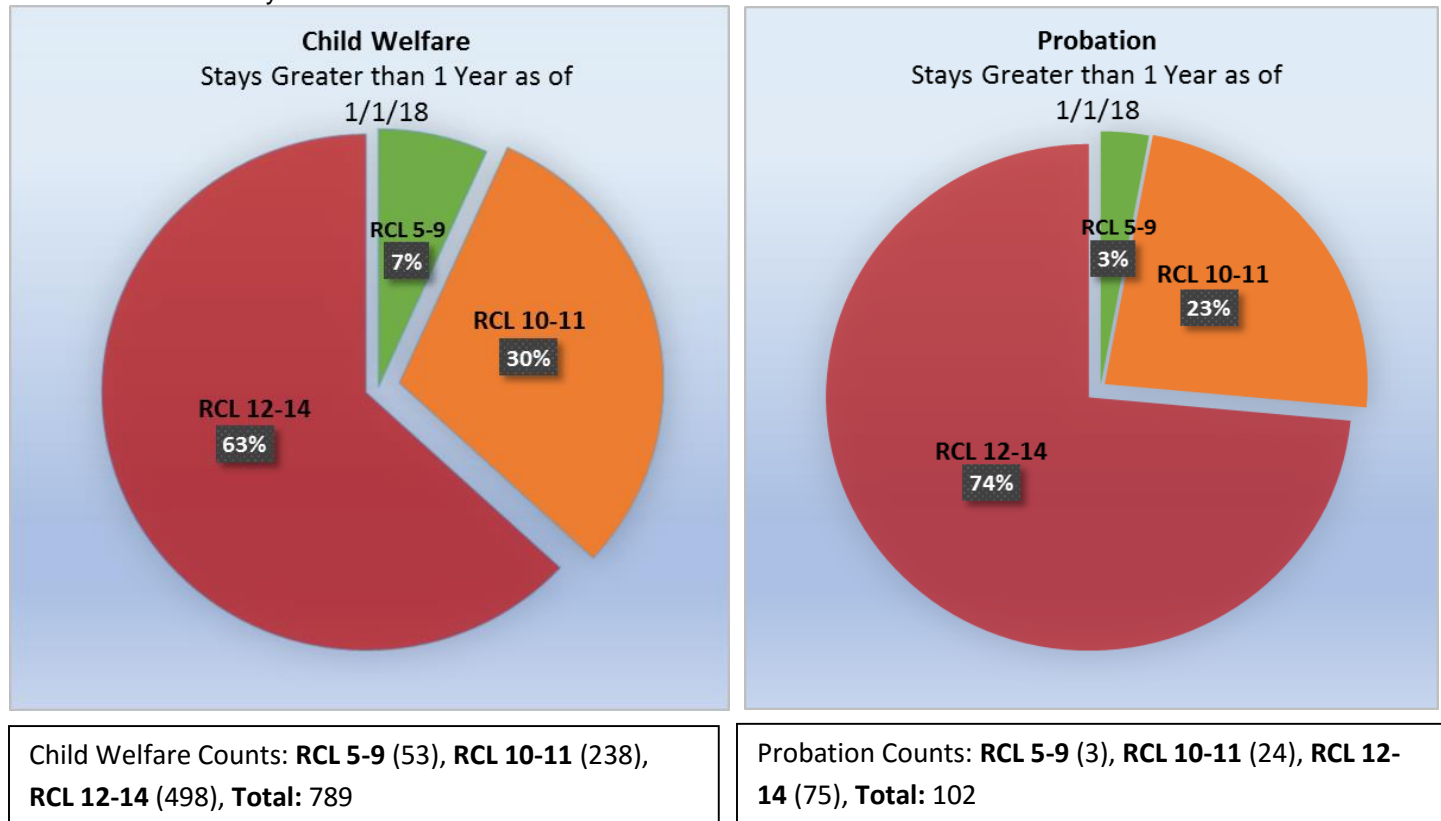
The below pie charts display calendar year data from 2017 for group home placements by Rate Classification Level (RCL) and STRTP for Child Welfare and Probation, statewide. Calendar year totals that correspond to the charts below can be found on the next page.



Agency	RCL/ ST RTP	Total	Agency	RCL/ ST RTP	Total
Child Welfare	5-9	474	Probation	5-9	35
	10-11	2,243		10-11	553
	12-14	3,390		12-14	2,522
	ST RTP	362		ST RTP	738
CW Totals		6,649	Prob. Totals		3,848

## Stays over one year by RCL

The following charts show group home placements, broken out by RCL, for children who have been in a group home for 365 of the last 400 days.



## Placements in out-of-state group homes

The following table shows 2017 calendar year and point-in-time data on youth placed in an out-of-state group home broken out by the state the group homes are located in:

Out of State Placements by Calendar Year (CY) and Point in Time (PIT) 1-1-18												
	AZ	FL	IA	MI	NV	OR	PA	TX	UT	VA	WY	Total
CY	27	10	146	85	100	1	100	6	38	13	23	549
PIT	17	7	63	42	45	1	48	5	27	6	10	271

## STRTP/FFA Capacity and Program Statement Data

The following charts display data regarding STRTP applications, providers, and capacity as well as FFA data regarding applications and approvals.

### STRTP applications, licensure, and capacity as of April 20, 2018

STRTP Capacity Breakdown
69 Applications received
28 Licensed Providers
91 Licensed Facilities
1,499 beds in licensed facilities

### FFA applications and approvals as of April 26, 2018

FFA Breakdown
178 Approved
28 FFA Completing Revisions
5 Closed/missing documentation
211 Total

## Automation

The following chart reflects changes to the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS), licensing systems and payments system needed to implement CCR.

System	Current Status	Next Step	Next Step Due Date
SAWS	Phase 2 was completed in November 2017 and implemented in all three of the SAWS. Phase 3	Phase 2 was anticipated to be the final phase of the SAWS automation and implementation. Recent developments necessitated a third phase of SAWS.	N/A
CWS/CMS	Release 8.1 was implemented in CWS/CMS as scheduled on January 6, 2018. This release included additional Background Check information for caregiver approval, the ability to document when Mental Health needs meet the definition of medical necessity, and new processes to ease data entry and more accurately record history when existing licensed homes go through resource family approval.	Release 8.1 has been completed and implemented fully. There are no further updates planned at this time.	N/A
Child Welfare Digital Services (CWDS)	Case Management Module is currently in the development phase. The CANS assessment tool was chosen and CWDS has procured automation services. The tool will streamline county social workers' work processes by decreasing the need for duplicate data entry.	CDSS is working with CWS-CARES to coordinate with nine counties to begin interviews for end user research.	May 2018

CCR Dashboard	Under development and testing.	Testing by the Data Committee (TDC) members will occur in May. TDC members include county and internal staff and researchers.	Public Release: June 2018
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## Fiscal Update

### County Fiscal Letters (CFL)

The CFLs are letters sent to counties and provide claiming instructions and funding amounts for CCR activities.

#### County Fiscal Letters (CFLs)

- [CFL 17-18-47](#) Fiscal Year 2017-18 Continuum of Care Reform Resource Family Approval Program Allocations For County Welfare And Probation Departments
- [CFL 17-18-42](#) Fiscal Year 2017-18 Continuum of Care Reform Child and Family Teams Allocation for County Welfare And Probation Departments
- [CFL 17/18-54](#) Fiscal Year 2017-18 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, and Support Program Final Allocation for County Welfare and Probation Departments

### Fiscal Year 2018-19 Governor's Budget

The [2018-19 Governor's Budget](#) provides a proposed FY 2018-19 budget of \$172.9 million of funding, which includes \$136.3 million State General Fund. The [2018-19 Governor's Budget](#) details the costs for CCR and are described in the *Continuum of Care Reform (CCR)* premise description, which is available in the Estimates Methodologies section, pages 121-130. Additional information on CCR is included in the Reference Documents section, pages 54-55.

### CCR Reconciliation

With the implementation of CCR, the counties were provided upfront General Fund investments for the new Home Based Family Care rates and administrative activities such as FPRRS, CFT and RFA. It is anticipated that over time, assistance savings will be generated through group home cases moving to more family-like home based settings. A reconciliation process will be used to complete a thorough, by-county analysis to determine if the level of savings realized will impact the level of the on-going investment amounts. The following provides updates to the reconciliation process:

- A county specific reconciliation process was developed and implemented starting in December 2016 with input from County Welfare Director's Association, and counties.
- [CFL No. 16-17-43](#) provided all counties with instructions for the reconciliation process for developing a base cost per case. It also explained that administrative expenditures will be pulled quarterly by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the reconciliation process. All counties have submitted their assistance base cost per case.
- [All County Letter \(ACL\) No. 17-07](#) provided the revised Aid to Families with Dependent Children Foster Care Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report instructions that will assist with the tracking of caseload movement.
- An additional [CFL No. 16-17-60](#) provided updated reconciliation methodology for counties (typically small counties) that did not serve any cases impacted by the new CCR rates so that a fair reconciliation calculation could be performed.
- CDSS provided technical assistance and training to probation staff on CCR fiscal claiming and reconciliation in March, June and October 2017 for California Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Business Managers, at the CPOC Conference.
- By September/October 2018, CDSS will have enough expenditure data to reconcile the CCR assistance savings to the CCR new rates/administration costs, for each county, based on FY 2016-17 actual data.

**Policy Claiming:**

- [CFL 17/18-59](#) Claiming Instructions for the Short-Term, Interim Funding for Emergency Caregivers with Placement of Child(ren) and/or Non-Minor Dependent(s) (NMD) Prior to Resource Family Approval (RFA).
- [CFL 17/18-36](#) Reminder of Claiming Instructions for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)
- [CFL 17/18-32E](#) Errata to Changes to the County Assistance (CA) 800 Claim and Addition of the CA 800 Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) CLAIM - Phase II Claiming Instructions
- [CFL 17/18-32](#) Changes to The County Assistance (CA) 800 Claim and Addition of the CA 800 Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Claim - Phase II Claiming Instructions
- [CFL 17/18-30](#) Updates to claiming instructions for the Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program
- [CFL 17-18-09E](#) Errata to claiming instructions to county probation departments for Nonfederal Child and Family Teams for Youth in Detention
- [CFL 17-18-09](#) Claiming Instructions to County Probation Departments for Nonfederal Child and Family Teams for Youth in Detention
- [CFL 16-17-60](#) Continuum of Care (CCR) Reconciliation Methodology for Zero Base Populations
- [CFL 16-17-43](#) Continuum of Care Reform Assistance Reconciliation Methodology
- [CFL 16-17-41](#) Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Home Based Family Care Rate Phase I Claiming Instructions
- [CFL 16-17-41E](#) Errata to Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Home Based Family Care Rate Phase I Claiming Instructions
- [CFL 16-17-41EII](#) Errata II to Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Home Based Family Care Rate Phase I Claiming Instructions
- [CFL 16-17-22](#) Child and Family Team Claiming Instructions
- [CFL 16-17-20](#) Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Funding Opportunity Child Care
- [CFL 15-16-48](#) Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program Claiming Instructions for County Probation Departments
- [CFL 15-16-37E](#) Errata to Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program

**Allocations:**

- [CFL 16/17-76](#) Fiscal Year 2016-17 Final Continuum of Care Reform Resource Family Approval Program Allocation For County Welfare And Probation Departments
- [CFL 16-17-71](#) Fiscal Year 2016-17 Allocation for Continuum of Care Reform Second Level Administration Review
- [CFL 16-17-54](#) Fiscal Year 2016-17 Continuum of Care Reform Foster Family Agency Social Worker Rate Increase General Fund Allocation
- [CFL 16-17-45](#) Fiscal Year 2016-17 Continuum of Care Reform Resource Family Approval Program Allocations for County Welfare and Probation Departments
- [CFL 16-17-35](#) Fiscal Year 2015-16 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program Planning Allocation
- [CFL 16-17-34](#) Fiscal Year 2016-17 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program Allocations for County Welfare and Probation Departments
- [CFL 16-17-05](#) Fiscal Year 2015-16 Continuum of Care Reform Foster Family Agency Social Work Rate Increase General Fund Allocation"
- [CFL 15-16-58](#) Fiscal Year 2015-16 Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support Program Allocations for County Welfare and Probation Departments



## Upcoming Meetings

Here is a list of some of the CCR related meetings and presentations currently scheduled for the next few months. New meetings are added regularly. For a complete list of upcoming meetings, please visit the [CCR website](#). For additional information on upcoming meetings, please contact the CCR mailbox at [CCR@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CCR@dss.ca.gov).

Date & Time	Type of Presentation	Audience	Host	Overview
5/2/18 10:00-11:30	Conference Call	Stakeholders	CDSS & DHCS	Integrated Practice Technical Assistance Call
5/3/18 9:00-11:00	Conference Call	CCR No county identified	CCR	County Implementation Call INVITATION ONLY
5/8/18 9:30-3:00	Southern Region, Children and Youth Services Convening	MHPs, Child Welfare Departments, and Juvenile Probation (Program Managers/Supervisors, QI, etc.)	DHCS/ CIBHS	Regional convening in 2018 to support counties in their continued implementation efforts and initiatives related to children's mental health services.
5/8/18	Training Sacramento	Probation, CWS county staff	CPOC	Targeted Foster Parent Recruitment – Community Based Recruitment
5/9/18	Training Sacramento	Probation, CWS county staff	CPOC	Targeted Foster Parent Recruitment – Culturally Responsive Resource Family Recruitment Strategies
5/9/18 1:00-5:00	County CWDA Operations Committee Sacramento	Child welfare directors and CDSS Management	CWDA	Invitation Only
5/10/18 9:00-1:00	CWDA Children's Committee Sacramento	Child welfare directors and CDSS Management	CWDA	Invitation Only
5/15/18 8:00-4:00	Training Los Angeles	Judicial officers, attorneys, social workers, probation officers, and others	Judicial Council of California	CCR: Improving Permanency Outcomes and Repairing Out of Home Care Los Angeles Regional Training
5/16/18 11:00-3:00	Meeting CMHACY in Asilomar	Committee Members	CBHDA	Children's System of Care Committee INVITATION ONLY
5/16/18 9:00-5:00	Training	All Country Social Workers, Supervisors, and Probation Staff	SENECA	RFA Family Evaluation Training
5/21/18-5/22/18 9:30-4:30	Los Angeles Region Recruitment Convening	Probation Placement, Child Welfare Social Workers, Mental Health Workers and Community Partners who serve children and	CCR	Resource Family Recruitment Convening with Dr. Denise Goodman

		youth in Child Welfare or Probation.		
5/23/18-5/24/18 9:30-4:30	Anaheim Region Recruitment Convening	Probation Placement, Child Welfare Social Workers, Mental Health Workers and Community Partners who serve children and youth in Child Welfare or Probation.	CCR	Resource Family Recruitment Convening with Dr. Denise Goodman
5/24/18 9:00-5:00	Training	All Country Social Workers, Supervisors, and Probation Staff	SENECA	RFA Family Evaluation Training
5/30/18 9:00-5:00	Training	All Country Social Workers, Supervisors, and Probation Staff	SENECA	RFA Family Evaluation Training
6/3/18-6/6/18	ICWA Conference	Open to state, tribal, and county representatives and professionals from various disciplines, including judges, attorneys, tribal members and leaders, and social service and probation agency staff.	ICWA	The goal of the conference is to inform participants about various issues affecting Indian child welfare, clarify the federal and state provisions of ICWA, and emphasize the importance of statewide ICWA compliance.
6/4/18 9:00-5:00	Training	All Country Social Workers, Supervisors, and Probation Staff	SENECA	RFA Family Evaluation Training
6/6/18	Conference Call	Conference Call	CDSS/DHCS	Integrated Practice Technical Assistance Call
6/7/18 9:00-5:00	Training	All Country Social Workers, Supervisors, and Probation Staff	SENECA	RFA Family Evaluation Training
6/8/18 9:00-5:00	Training	All Country Social Workers, Supervisors, and Probation Staff	SENECA	RFA Family Evaluation Training
6/13/18 1:00pm-5:00pm	County CWDA Operations Committee	Child welfare directors and CDSS Management	CWDA	Invitation Only
6/14/18 9:00am-1:00pm	CWDA Children's Committee	Child welfare directors and CDSS Management	CWDA	Invitation Only
6/13-6/15	Partnerships for Wellbeing Institute 2018 Garden Grove, CA	Behavioral Health, Early Childhood, Education, Probation Officers, Social Workers, Provider (community partners), Resource Families, Tribal Communities	RCFFP, CDSS, DHCS	"Celebrating Families, Inspiring Our Future" Partnerships for Wellbeing Institute 2018 <a href="https://humanservices.ucdavis.edu/programs/resource-center-family-focused-practice/well-being-institute">https://humanservices.ucdavis.edu/programs/resource-center-family-focused-practice/well-being-institute</a> .

6/20/18 2:00- 2:30	Meeting	CCR, TAY, YEP and CFPIC	CCR	Invite Only  Bi-Monthly Youth Collaboration Meeting
6/21/18 11:00- 3:00	Meeting CBHDA	Committee Members	CBHDA	Children's System of Care Committee INVITATION ONLY
6/26/18- 6/27/18 9:30- 4:30	Eureka Region Recruitment Convening	Probation Placement, Child Welfare Social Workers, Mental Health Workers and Community Partners who serve children and youth in Child Welfare or Probation.	CCR	Resource Family Recruitment Convening with Dr. Denise Goodman
6/27/18 10:00- 3:00	Stakeholders Meeting	Stakeholders	CDSS	Stakeholders Implementation Advisory Committee
7/12/18 9:30- 3:00	Children and Youth Services Convening	MHPs, Child Welfare Departments, and Juvenile Probation (Program Managers/Supervisors, QI, etc.) in the following Bay Area counties.	DHCS/ CIBHS	Regional convening in 2018 to support counties in their continued implementation efforts and initiatives related to children's mental health services.
7/19/18 11:00- 3:00	Meeting CBHDA	Committee Members	CBHDA	Children's System of Care Committee INVITATION ONLY
8/8/18 1:00- 5:00	County CWDA Operations Committee	Child welfare directors and CDSS Management	CWDA	Invitation Only
8/9/18 9:00- 1:00	CWDA Children's Committee	Child welfare directors and CDSS Management	CWDA	Invitation Only